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Dear Sirs,

Since a national animal identification is being developed for livestock in the United States, known as NAIS, the American Ostrich Association recognized the need for proactive participation in this process as it concerns ostrich. Members of the AOA were polled about their current tagging procedures and discussions were held at our national meeting about the current tags available that were being used in other species. This led to our recommendations that are as follows:

Chicks 3 months and older to adult will be identified with the RFID style button tag with a unique alphanumeric identifier as proscribed by the NAIS.

Eggs: Group Lot Identity with the Premise ID, Date of the lot and a Lot number (if there are multiple lots) as the identifier.

Further recommendations will be developed for newly hatched chicks up to 3 months of age with an eye for new technologies as they are developed. Currently there is not a recommendation for this age group.

However, as time and technology change we may update these recommendations before the mandatory compliance date for ostrich in 2008. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole A Price DVM". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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